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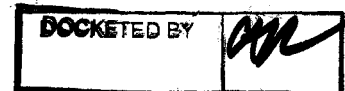
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Re: San Manuel Airport Crossing



Dear Mr. Thomson,

BHP Copper is continuing closure activities at the San Manuel mine and plant sites. We are now in the process of taking up the industrial track that runs from the plant to the mine site with a completion date of July 1, 2005. The industrial track has a public grade crossing at Avenda De Aviacion, San Manuel Airport access road that will no longer be required after July 1, 2005. The San Manuel Arizona Railroad company requests that this public grade crossing, authorized under Docket NO. RR-04188A-03-0435, be removed from the designated Arizona railroad public grade crossings. Please advise if there are further actions required by the ACC in the removal of this grade crossing. Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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